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**Thank a public servant!**

*Oct. 5-11 observed as Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 6, 2014)** – Lieutenant Governor Jerry Abramson today officially announced the week of Oct. 5, 2014, Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky. At a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, Lt. Gov. Abramson praised the work and dedication of Kentucky's public employees.

"There are hundreds of positive stories untold and numerous examples of the noble work of our government employees," he said. "Kentucky's public employees are finding new and innovative ways to make a significant difference in our state and across the nation."

A national celebration that began in 1985, Public Service Recognition Week is set aside to honor the men and women who serve as federal, state, county and local government employees.

Activities and events that recognize public employees are planned throughout the week, including the Governor's Ambassador Awards ceremony, an annual event that showcases state employees who significantly and positively impact the lives of their co-workers, customers and community at large. Awards are presented in the areas of customer service, courage, leadership, professional achievement, teamwork, or community service and volunteerism.

School students throughout the state have also shown their appreciation to public employees by participating in the annual Public Service Recognition Poster Contest. More than 2,700 posters, created around the theme "Making a difference every day in every way," were entered in the contest. The 2014 winners (below) were recognized today by Lt. Gov. Abramson.

Age Group: 6-9  
Natalie Fieberg,  
Jennie Rogers Elementary, Danville Independent Schools

Age Group: 10-13  
Mary Kate Rakestraw,  
Dixon Elementary School, Webster County

Age Group: 14-18  
Alexis Dotson,  
Metcalf County High School

Personnel Cabinet Secretary Tim Longmeyer, whose agency leads the week's activities said, "School students throughout the state are learning about civic responsibility and public service, and have shown their appreciation to public employees by participating in the annual poster contest."

Now more than ever, our public servants deserve our support and gratitude. Even with the leanest of resources and manpower, they continue to serve and make life better for all of us. We invite all Kentuckians to join us in saying 'thank you' for the care, dedication and hard work our public servants deliver."

Visit the Personnel Cabinet's website at <https://personnel.ky.gov/pages/rewards.aspx> to view the artwork of the poster contest winners and for additional information on Public Service Recognition Week.

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